

AMENDMENT TO H.R. 2415
OFFERED BY MR. ANDREWS OF NEW JERSEY

Page 84, after line 16, insert the following:

1 **SEC. 703. SENSE OF CONGRESS THAT THE PRESIDENT**
2 **SHOULD SEEK A PUBLIC RENUNCIATION BY**
3 **THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA OF ANY**
4 **USE OF FORCE, OR THREAT TO USE FORCE,**
5 **AGAINST TAIWAN, AND THAT THE UNITED**
6 **STATES SHOULD HELP TAIWAN IN CASE OF**
7 **THREATS OR A MILITARY ATTACK BY THE**
8 **PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA.**

9 (a) FINDINGS.—The Congress makes the following
10 findings:

11 (1) In March of 1996, the political leadership
12 of the People's Republic of China used provocative
13 military maneuvers, including missile launch exer-
14 cises in the Taiwan Strait, in an attempt to intimi-
15 date the people of Taiwan during their historic, free,
16 and democratic presidential elections.

17 (2) The People's Republic of China refuses to
18 renounce the use of force against Taiwan.

19 (3) The House of Representatives passed a res-
20 olution by a vote of 411–0 in June 1998 urging the
21 President to seek, during his July 1998 summit

1 meeting in Beijing, a public renunciation by the Peo-
2 ple's Republic of China of any use of force, or threat
3 of use of force, against democratic Taiwan.

4 (4) Senior United States executive branch offi-
5 cials have called upon the People's Republic of
6 China to renounce the use of force against Taiwan.

7 (5) The use of force, and the threat to use
8 force, by the People's Republic of China against Tai-
9 wan threatens peace and stability in the region.

10 (6) The Taiwan Relations Act, enacted in 1979,
11 states that "[i]t is the policy of the United States
12 . . . to consider any effort to determine the future
13 of Taiwan by other than peaceful means, including
14 by boycotts or embargoes, a threat to the peace and
15 security of the Western Pacific area and of grave
16 concern to the United States".

17 (7) The Taiwan Relations Act states that it is
18 the policy of the United States to provide Taiwan
19 with arms of a defensive character.

20 (b) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—

21 (1) The Congress commends the people of Tai-
22 wan for having established a democracy in Taiwan
23 over the past decades and repeatedly reaffirming
24 their dedication to democratic ideals.

25 (2) It is the sense of the Congress that—

1 (A) the President of the United States
2 should seek a public renunciation by the Peo-
3 ple's Republic of China of any use of force, or
4 threat to use force, against Taiwan, especially
5 in Taiwan's March 2000 free Presidential elec-
6 tions; and

7 (B) the United States should help Taiwan
8 defend itself in case of threats or a military at-
9 tack by the People's Republic of China against
10 Taiwan.